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**BY HAND DELIVERY**

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Re: ***Rodney G. Smith v. Coastal Oil New England, Inc. and  
El Paso Merchant-Energy Petroleum Company  
Civil Action No. 04-12568-MEL***

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to advise the Court that the parties have settled the above-entitled matter. A Stipulation of Dismissal will be forthcoming in the near future.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory C. Keating".  
Gregory C. Keating

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cc: Kathleen A. Pennini, Esq.

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